

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

1939 HEALTH REPORT

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Area (acres)	1,752.
Resident Population (Census 1931)	7,371.
Resident Population (Mid-year 1939) ...	7,769
Average Population appropriate to the calculation of death rates.	8,136
Rateable Value.	£62,905
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£242
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books.	2,500

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Total	Male	Female
LIVE BIRTHS { Legitimate.	107	48	59
{ Illegitimate.	3	2	1
	110	50	60
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Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid 1939	14.15		
	Total	Male	Female
STILL BIRTHS { Legitimate.	2	1	1
{ Illegitimate.	1	—	1
	3	1	2
	—	—	—
Still-birth Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) Births	26.5		
	Total	Male	Female
DEATHS	131	56	75
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population	16.1		
Deaths from puerperal causes.			Nil.
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-			
All infants per 1,000 live births ...	35.7		
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	36.7		
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.		

The total number of infant deaths was:-

4

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	15
" " Measles (all ages)	Nil.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age).	Nil.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The District is supplied by works under the direct management of the Council. The supplies of water available were ample for the requirements of the District.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	10	10	-
Diphtheria.	4	4	-
Pneumonia.	2	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	3	1	-
	20	15	-

SCARLET FEVER.

Ten cases were notified compared with 4 for the previous year. They were admitted to Tunbridge Wells Borough Sanatorium. Six of the cases occurred in Southborough Town and 3 in High Brooms. One family had 2 cases, and another 3 cases. The Schools attended by the patients were visited, and treatments carried out by the Health Nurse. The age groups were as under:-

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \underline{2 - 5} & \underline{5 - 10} & \underline{10 - 15} & \underline{15 - 20} & = & 10. \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 & & \end{array}$$

DIPHTHERIA.

Two cases occurred in Southborough Town and 2 in High Brooms. One of the former was a nasal infection case and was treated at home in the first instance. Later upon the micro-organism proving to be virulent by laboratory tests, removal to hospital was carried out. The Medical Officer of Health examined this case at home, and consulted with Dr. Cross-Kerry at her request.

The other three cases were also removed to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Sanatorium. The two High Brooms cases occurred in the same family.

The age periods were:-

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \underline{5 - 10} & \underline{15 - 20} & \underline{50 - 55} & = & 4. \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & & & \end{array}$$

MINOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Head Teachers notified 50 actual or suspected cases of minor infectious diseases as follows:-

Whooping cough 34; Chickenpox 10; Measles 4;
Scabies 1 and Ringworm 1.

TUBERCULOSIS.

8 new cases were notified; 4 deaths were registered.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
25	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 & up	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	-
	3		5		3		1	

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REPORT OF MR. T. A. SCOTT, SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1939.

	No. in District.	No. of visits in 1939.	No. of faults & defects found.	No. of faults & defects remedied.
Bakehouses.	5	15	Nil.	Nil.
Dairies.	17	68	1	1
Slaughter-houses. Registered.				
Licenced.	6	79	2	2
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection.		Nil.	-	-
Offensive Trades.		Nil.	-	-
Common lodging houses.		Nil.	-	-
Houses-let-in lodgings.		Nil.	-	-
Factories.	8			
Workshops.	76	54	1	1
Workplaces (other than outworkers' homes).	2			

NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR (OTHER THAN THOSE ENUMERATED IN THE ABOVE TABULATION.)

Overcrowding	Nil.	Refuse Receptacles	32
Keeping of Animals	Nil.	Tents, vans & sheds.	Nil.
Hop-pickers' Camp	Nil.	Smoke nuisances	Nil.
Sanitary Accommodation			
(i) Insufficient.	Nil.	Yard Paving	10
(ii) Defective.	7	Dampness	12
Drainage.			
(i) Re-constructed	Nil.	Roofs & Rain water pipes	-
		Floors	22
(ii) Repaired	9	Walls & Ceilings	41
(iii) Cleansed	12	Windows & Ventilation	36
Cesspools.			
(i) Abolished	1	Baths, Lavatory basins & sinks	15
(ii) Repaired	Nil.	Water Supplies	3

Offensive accumulations Nil.

Miscellaneous 2

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by inspector(s) during the year... 306.

Approximate number of separate premises in area 2459

Approximate number of such premises at the end of the year, containing each type of sanitary convenience as under:-

W.C.'s into drainage system 2394. W.C.'s into cesspools 65.

Earth closets or privy middens. Nil. Pail closets. Nil.

Number of premises not connected to public water supplies. Nil.

No. of notices served - Statutory 1. Informal 23.

No. of houses &c. disinfected. 15. Batches of clothing 15.

Legal proceedings and results -

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Amount of food condemned during the year. (Please include approximate weight of items which have not been weighed) :-

2 tons 14 cwts. 2 qrs. 8 lbs.

(Includingcarcasses - or parts of carcasses - condemned on account of tuberculosis).

HOUSING.

Any comments upon the general question of housing; and in particular, upon war conditions and their effect on housing.

New Building Bye - Laws were adopted during the year.